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- a. [] a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,
- b. [X] a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted herewith,
- c. [] the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page,
- d. [] the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
- e. [X] the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference: WO 98/48543 corresponds to EP 0978965A1
- 5. [X] Reference EP 0812091A was filed in an Information Disclosure Statement along with form PTO-1449 submitted to the PTO on September 22, 2000

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